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Applicant: Johnson, Jean Ellen

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Title: INTERNAL BODY ENCIRCLING BELT FOR PERSONAL FLOATATION
DEVICES

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted with this letter is

- (1) Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
- (2) Check No. 12852 (\$264/three independent claims); and
- (2) Return postcard.

The claim fee for the amended claims is as follows:

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	49	Minus	50	=	0	x	\$18	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims	9	Minus	6	=	3	x	\$88	=	\$264
One Month Extension of Time Fee	N/A							=	\$0.00

Total additional Fee \$264.00
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B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 501050. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. *A copy of this letter is enclosed.*

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Respectfully submitted,

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MAIL CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that this communication is being deposited with the United States Postal Service via first class mail under 37 C.F.R. § 1.08 on the date indicated below addressed to: **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

12/29/04
Date of Deposit



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